

provides a virtual negotiation of billing-related metadata between the delivery entity and the receiver entity for the application, wherein at least a portion of the billing-related metadata relates to how to account for distribution of the application by the receiver entity to a wireless device operating on a network of the receiver entity and corresponding to a subscriber;

at least one instruction for receiving, at the negotiation forum, at least one proposed billing-related metadata associated with the application from at least one of the delivery entity or the receiver entity;

at least one instruction for receiving an acceptance of the proposed billing-related metadata by the delivery entity and the receiver entity, thereby defining agreed-to billing-related metadata corresponding to the application, the delivery entity and the receiver entity;

at least one instruction for receiving indication that a transaction involving the application, the wireless device and the receiver entity has occurred; and

at least one instruction for transmitting billing information only to the receiver entity to account for the transaction, wherein the billing information is based on the agreed-to billing-related metadata, wherein the billing information includes a developer payment fee and transaction data corresponding to the transaction, wherein the transaction data is used by the receiver entity to derive an application download event for billing the subscriber.

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Claim 1 has been replaced by --

-- Claim 1, An automated distribution and billing system, comprising:

an extranet accessible by multiple carriers and multiple developers, wherein each developer corresponds to a creator of an application, wherein each carrier corresponds to a distributor of applications, wherein the extranet defines a negotiation forum that enables a virtual negotiation of billing-related metadata between a respective carrier and a respective developer for a respective application, wherein at least a portion of the billing-related metadata relates to how to account for distribution of the respective application by the respective carrier to a wireless device operating on a network of the respective carrier and corresponding to a subscriber;

a server having a central repository that stores agreed-to billing-related metadata corresponding to the respective application, the respective carrier and the respective developer,

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